

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CARPINTERIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

**May 27, 2009**

President Lemere called the special meeting of the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District at Carpinteria City Hall to order at 7:01 p.m. Wednesday May 27, 2009, and led the Board and others in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present: Lemere, Van Wingerden, Lieberknecht, Roberts

Directors Absent: Drain

Others Present: Charles Hamilton  
Bob McDonald  
Norma Rosales  
Omar Castro  
Alex Keuper  
Mark Manion

- MINUTES** Following discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on May 13, 2008. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
- PUBLIC FORUM** No one from the public addressed the Board.
- OLD BUSINESS** There was no Old Business.
- NEW BUSINESS**
- PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED  
RATES AND  
CHARGES FOR FY 09-  
010**
- SECRETARY'S  
REPORT** Secretary Charles Hamilton reported on the status of and preparations for the Public Hearing to receive public comment as well as any written protests to the proposed increases in Rates and Charges for water service.
- PUBLIC HEARING** President Lemere then opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.
- RECEIPT OF PUBLIC  
COMMENT AND/OR  
PROTESTS** Speakers from the public included Dick Poedtke, Elinor Olivas, Ann Louise Bardach, Vera Bensen, Carolee Krieger, Robert Lesser, Joan Hebert, Karl Cameron, Terry Oltman, Tom Mayer, Amrita Salm, Rosalind Pfeffer and Bob Beranek.
- CLOSING OF PUBLIC  
HEARING** President Lemere closed the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m.
- DIRECTOR** Directors Van Wingerden, Lieberknecht, Roberts and Lemere each made

**COMMENTS**

several comments.

**TALLYING OF PROTESTS**

Secretary Hamilton reported that as of 7:55 p.m. today 1,067 written protests had been received at the District Office and/or presented to the District, below the threshold of 3,200 necessary to prevent the proposed rate increases. He indicated that a final tally would be announced on June 3, 2009.

**PRESENTATION BY REBECCA BJORK, WATER RESOURCES MANAGER, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager for the City of Santa Barbara gave a presentation about the Cater Water Treatment Plant, greatly increased treatment costs due to the impacts from the Zaca Fire on Lake Cachuma, and projected Advanced Treatment costs of about \$20 million related to safe drinking water standards. The District's share of the annual debt service for a low interest loan to fund the Advanced Treatment project is projected to be about \$240,000, resulting in about a 2.5% increase in District water rates.

**PRESENTATION BY KATE REES, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD (COMB)**

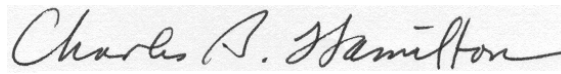
Kate Rees, General Manager of the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board gave a brief overview of COMB's planned \$16 million Capital Improvement Program and bond and Proposition 50 grant funding. She was assisted by COMB engineer Brett Gray and financial adviser David Brodsky of KNN. The District cost share of bond debt service is estimated to be about \$134,000, which if not offset by a planned reduction in expenses would result in about a 1.5% increase in District water rates.

**NEXT MEETING**

President Lemere announced that the next scheduled Board meeting will be a Special meeting held on June 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary